

Congressman At Home



In the midst of a hectic round of campaign speeches and official duties, Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., pauses for a few minutes of relaxation with his two-year-old cocker spaniel, "Rusty," at the McConnell home in Wynnewood.

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Congressman McConnell Reports On the Work of the 80th Congress

THE RECORD

(Editor's note: The actions of the 80th Congress have become one of the principal issues of the 1948 political campaign throughout the country. In his talks at meetings and rallies, Montgomery County's Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., is currently giving his constituents a first-hand report on this important subject. In an effort to bring it to the attention of every voter in this area, we have prepared a condensation of the Congressman's report which will be published in two installments.)

Confronting the 80th Congress when it assembled in January, 1947, was the tremendous job of bringing some order and sense out of the confusion which had arisen in converting our governmental affairs from a global war to a peacetime basis.

Despite clever and determined opposition we balanced the Federal Budget for the first time in 16 years. This eliminated the necessity for deficit spending which had played so large a part in causing high prices. Fiscal year 1948 (July, 1948) ended with the biggest Treasury surplus in our history, about \$8,250,000,000.

Taxes

Congress passed a tax reduction bill over the veto of President Truman. That act has been misrepresented to the people with claims that it favors the rich over the poor. Seventy-one percent of the \$4,800,000,000 reduction goes to persons with incomes of less than \$5,000 a year.

It is not a straight across the board percentage tax cut. It ranges from 12.6 percent in the lower brackets to five percent in the top brackets. About 7,400,000 taxpayers in the lowest brackets no longer pay any Federal income tax. An additional \$600 tax exemption is granted to taxpayers over 65 years of age, and there is an additional \$600 exemption for the blind.

Labor Management Relations

Prior to the convening of the 80th Congress in January, 1947, labor-management relations had deteriorated to such an extent that they became front page news. During 1946, a very black year in work stoppages, workers had lost 116,000,000 man-days of work. Something was obviously wrong.

Lengthy hearings were held and millions of words of testimony taken. Finally, after several months, the Labor-Management Relations Act (Taft-Hartley Act) was passed.

The new law has been in operation one year. How well is it operating? Let us consider the period from V-J Day, August 15, 1945, and on and after August 22, 1947, when it became effective; that is before and after the new law. The facts and figures are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work stoppages declined 49 percent under the new law. The number of workers involved in strikes decreased 61 percent under the new law.

The number of man-days of idleness because of work stoppages dropped 4,600,000 man days since the new law was passed. Furthermore, and this is important to every working man; under the new law wages have continued to rise.

Unions to be recognized under the act are required to make annual financial reports to their members.

The closed shop is forbidden. The union ship is permitted, but can not be imposed on any employee unless a majority of the employees vote for it by secret ballot. Even then, a worker willing to pay initiation fees and dues cannot be excluded from his job because a union arbitrarily refuses to admit him, or fires him after he is admitted.

Welfare funds are to be treated as trust funds, properly audited and supervised, so that the money will be there when needed by the employees.

Unions to be recognized under the act are required to file officer non-communist affidavits.

The National Labor Relations Board's functions are divided to provide for separate investigation, prosecution and judicial action. It requires it to use fair procedures and to render fair decisions.

Nothing in the act restores the right of an employer to go to the courts and secure an injunction against strikes. Injunctions can be obtained only by the government for certain types of actions.

It makes the Conciliation Service an independent agency, directs it to try to prevent strikes—it cannot forbid them—and authorizes it to take a secret ballot of employees before a strike, if the union is willing.

It enables the President to delay for 60 days a strike imperiling the public health or safety, then freedom to strike.

(To be concluded next week.)

GOP Victory Is Only Road Out of Worldwide Chaos

400 Turn Out for Republican Rally In Ardmore Tuesday

The Republican party is the only vehicle by which we can bring some order out of chaos in America and the world, Congressman Franklin H. Lichtenwalter told Republican workers of Lower Merion and Narberth Tuesday night.

Lichtenwalter, who represents Bucks and Lehigh Counties—the Eighth Congressional District—was the principal speaker at a Republican rally sponsored by the Lower Merion Township Republican Committee and the Lower Merion-Narberth Council of Republican Women.

More than 400 persons braved the cold, rainy night to attend the rally, held at the Ardmore Woman's Club.

The visiting Congressman emphasized in his address the fulfillment by the Republican-controlled 80th Congress of the 1936 campaign pledges.

"Republican candidates for Congress in 1946," he said, "promised that if sufficient Republicans were elected to control Congress they would reduce Federal expenditures, reduce taxes, try to bring about a better relationship between labor and management, and investigate subversive activities, particularly as they exist in the government itself."

"These pledges have been fulfilled. The 80th Congress passed good legislation, but because of inefficient administration we have not yet been able to solve some of the country's most important problems."

Other speakers at the rally were Montgomery County Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., of Wynnewood, and State Representative Lambert Cadwalader, of Haverford. McConnell stressed the importance of unity in this country in the face of present world conditions.

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Boro Man Shares In Uncle's Estate

William E. Waters, 80, Leaves \$29,000 Estate

The late William E. Waters, 80, of 219 Essex Ave., Narberth, who died September 20, left a personal estate estimated at \$24,000, and real estate in Narberth valued at \$5,000, according to his will filed last week in Norristown.

A nephew, William E. Lynch, and his wife, Margaret, who live at the Narberth address, are to receive the personal items and the Essex Ave. property. In addition, Lynch is will of 25 percent of the balance of the estate.

Two other nephews and four nieces are to receive 10 percent of the balance each, and three other nephews are bequeathed five percent each.

A native of Ireland, Mr. Waters came to America when he was 19 years old and became associated with the Merchant and Evans Co., Philadelphia metal concern. For many years he served as general manager of the firm.

Woman Injured in 2-Car Collision in Bryn Mawr

Lois Farrar, 24, of the Civilian Dormitory, Fort Dix, N. J., was treated for abrasions of the forehead at Bryn Mawr Hospital Saturday night after the automobile in which she was a passenger collided with another car on Lancaster Ave., near Penn Rd., Bryn Mawr.

According to Lower Merion Township police, she was riding in a car driven by Sgt. Leroy Rankin, 26, of Fort Dix. Driver of the other vehicle, police said, was Fred Cuesda, 32, of Kirklyn.

L. M. Approvs Apt.; Undecided On Proposed Car Washery

Construction on a new \$1,200,000 five-story apartment building to be located on City Ave., one property north of Belmont Ave., Bala, will be begun this fall.

Permission to erect the 102-unit project was granted to Belmont Gardens Apartments, Inc., last Thursday night by the Lower Merion Township Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Board members also granted four other requests for zoning exceptions and variances, continued two appeals and denied one other.

The new apartment house will be of brick construction, according to the architect, Richard R. Neely, and will contain 22 one-bedroom, 60 two-bedroom and 20 three-bedroom apartments. There will be 102 outdoor parking spaces readily accessible to all the occupants and an underground garage for 60 cars.

Parking Lot Refused

The zoning board turned down the appeal of William A. Madden, Sr., and his son, William A., Jr., to continue to use their R-3 residential property at 8 Elliott Ave., Bryn Mawr, as a parking lot in connection with their automobile repair business. They had also asked to construct additions to the

Post to Honor B-C Vets With War Memorial

The American Legion and the Auxiliary of the Thomas D. Vandiver Post, Conshohocken State Rd., Bala-Cynwyd, has requested that they be notified of the names of men and women from the Bala-Cynwyd area who served in World War II in order that they may be represented on the War Memorial tablet to be housed in the Legion Home.

The unveiling of the memorial will take place Thursday, November 11, at the Legion House. Details of the program will be announced at a later date. The Post has asked that all communications be addressed to the War Memorial Committee, American Legion Auxiliary 335, Post Office Box 174, Bala-Cynwyd.

New Circle Joins Women's Guild of Lutheran Church

Group of 30 Members Plan to Send Monthly Clothing Parcels Abroad

The newly organized Junior Women's Circle of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Narberth held its first meeting last Tuesday, October 5, at the home of Mrs. Robert Goddard in Narberth. Mrs. Fred Segermark was co-hostess.

This new evening group, which includes approximately thirty young married women and working girls, is under the direction of Mrs. Robert K. Moxon, of Ardmore. They have planned as their service project to send a large parcel of clothing each month to a family in Europe.

The Guild-Circle of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church now includes seven circles, among them five day groups and two evening circles. President of the Guild is Mrs. J. Harold Mumper, of St. Davids.

The circles hold individual meetings during the first week of each month at the homes of the members, and all join together in the full Guild meetings held at the church on the third Wednesday of every month.

Each group conducts a common religious education, but has its own service project. This year three circles will work for the Haverford Center Baby Clinic in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Lutheran Inner Mission Society, and two will work for the Lutheran Children's Bureau, providing necessary articles for children placed in foster homes.

Leaders are: Mrs. Harry B. Wood, of Merion Park, circle 1; Mrs. George R. Markle, of Narberth, circle 2; Mrs. W. Grier Briner, of Narberth, circle 3; Mrs. Sheldon F. Myers, of Merion, circle 4; Mrs. C. B. Clapham, of Narberth, circle 5, and Miss Mary Angstadt, of Narberth, circle 6, an evening circle.

Boro PTA Board Plans Programs

Plans for the year's programs were formulated at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Narberth School, Monday evening.

Speaker at the meeting scheduled for Monday evening, October 18, will be William Haskell, assistant editor of the New York Herald Tribune, who will speak on current events. The Rev. Harold Flood, president, will preside.

The report of PTA chairman were presented to the board. Mrs. B. R. Ebley, finance and budget chairman, reported on the club's budget for the year. Mrs. G. O. Fletcher, empress chairman, reported that there are at present about 200 members, but that they hope to increase the number to 500 by the close of the year.

Junior Red Cross Seeks to Enroll At Least 9000 Pupils in 1948 Roll Call

During the week of October 11 to 15 the Main Line Branch of the Junior Red Cross hopes to enroll over 9000 pupils in their 1948 Junior Red Cross Roll Call, according to Mrs. William H. Hulick, 3rd, Junior Red Cross chairman.

The Junior Red Cross is one of the largest youth organizations in the world. The work done by pupils in the Main Line schools reaches children in all corners of the globe; as the students help send food, medicine and school supplies to the children of Greece, the Philippines, Finland, France and a dozen other countries.

Junior Red Cross members supply Christmas gift boxes to children of foreign countries and en-

close in each gift box a self-addressed envelope. By this means the pupils on the Main Line have received many interesting letters from abroad.

Along with the work that is done for children in other countries, they also care for the children in the United States, who are in hospitals, orphanages, homes and other institutions by making baby clothes, slippers, stuffed toys, games, and other articles.

The veterans in the hospitals are not forgotten either. Before every holiday the pupils make gay table mats and ornaments that are used on the tables in the hospitals. The veterans are also kept well supplied with large ashtrays, slippers and other necessities.

Mrs. John F. Roderer Dies in Bala-Cynwyd

Solemn Requiem Mass was sung in St. Matthias Church, Bala, Saturday morning for Mrs. Agnes Breisch Roderer, of 121 Edgehill Rd., Bala-Cynwyd, who died at her home September 28.

A resident of Bala-Cynwyd for the past five years, Mrs. Roderer was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and of the Alliance of Catholic Women. She was the widow of Dr. John F. Roderer, a physician.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. A. A. Lindsay, and the Misses Anna, Catherine and Amanda Breisch, all of Bala-Cynwyd; and one brother, Thomas J. Breisch, of Glenside.

Bryn Mawr Man Killed by Truck In Strafford

Shoemaker Was on Way To Part Time Job With Florist

Arcadio Campi, 59, of 752 Railroad Ave., Bryn Mawr, died Tuesday night in Bryn Mawr Hospital of injuries received when he was struck by a truck Monday morning while crossing Lancaster Pike, in Strafford.

A shoemaker by trade, Campi also held a part-time job with a Strafford florist and it was while he was on his way to the florist shop that the accident occurred.

The truck driver, Lloyd William Weaver, 56, of Hancock, Md., told Tredyffrin Township police that Campi walked in front of his truck while he was driving east on Lancaster Pike, near Conestoga Rd.

Campi was taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital in a Radnor Fire Company ambulance, suffering from internal injuries, a possible fractured skull, and fractures of the right arm and ribs.

Arraigned Monday before Justice of the Peace A. G. Severance, of Berwyn, Weaver was held under \$1,000 bail pending the outcome of Campi's injuries. After Campi's death, the bail was continued for a coroner's inquest.

Campi, who operated the shoe business from his Bryn Mawr home, was born in Italy and had lived in Bryn Mawr for the past 35 years. He was a member of the Social Club of Bryn Mawr, the St. Amido Society of Philadelphia, and Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Bryn Mawr.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; a daughter, Mrs. Philomena Di Lauro, of Philadelphia, and four sons, Arcadio, Jr., Raymond, Norman and Arthur.

Draft Bd. Names 7 For Physicals

Only seven men from Lower Merion Township and Narberth and West Conshohocken boroughs will be sent to induction centers on Wednesday for physical examinations in Pennsylvania's first peacetime draft, it was disclosed this week.

Selected from the 3,031 men who registered at the local headquarters in Bryn Mawr between August 30 and September 18, the seven men will probably be picked out of the 24 and 25-year-old age groups, according to Mrs. Sadie C. Lewis, chief registrar.

Those who pass their physicals, she said, will be inducted within 30 days of the time of the examinations.

In the meantime, Mrs. Lewis and her assistants are sending out classification notices to all local registrants. Those who are chosen for the first physical examinations will be notified at the latest by Sunday.

The total number of Pennsylvania registrants who will take examinations during October has been set at 1,890. From this number, 630 men will be inducted in November.

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Dilworth Is Speaker at Overbrook Men's Meeting

Richardson Dilworth will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Overbrook Men's Association of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church on October 11 at 8:15 P. M.

Music will be provided by the Male Chorus of the Philadelphia Kiwanis Club. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Commerce Group Endorses School Bond Proposal

Unanimous Approval Is Voiced Monday; Plan Halloween Art Contest

Unanimous approval of the proposed \$2,950,000 bond issue of the Lower Merion Township school district was voiced Monday night by members of the Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In a statement this week, a spokesman for the group of young Main Line business men, said that it was in complete accord with the School Board's plans for the erection of a new Penn Valley elementary school, an additional wing to the Penn Wynne School and the building of a cafeteria in Lower Merion Senior High School. Township residents will vote upon the issue at the November 2 election.

Extensive plans have been made by the Jaycees for a Halloween night art contest in the Main Line area, which is being inaugurated this year as a protective measure against Halloween and Mischief Night pranks.

James Cox, general chairman, has announced the following district captains: Harry Uphouse, Narberth; Joseph Morris, Ardmore; George Sayers, Bryn Mawr, and Eugene Swift, Wayne.

In each area merchants are invited to donate their shop windows to be used for the drawings. To date the use of 49 windows has been obtained. Meanwhile in the art department of the schools children are urged to contribute plans for the pictures they want to draw on the windows. The children chosen are then assigned by the C. of C. to a window near their homes.

Tentative plans to televise the project over WFIL-TV have been announced.

Judges will tour the area with a motorcycle escort of Lower Merion Township and Radnor, Township police sometime during the following weekend.

Prizes will be awarded by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. A sum of \$100 has already been raised for the prize fund, and merchants in the area will contribute additional prizes and donations.

Attending the meeting Monday night, which was held in the Bryn Mawr War Memorial Building, were four residents of Malvern, who are planning to organize a Chamber of Commerce in the area.

On October 23, the Jaycees will sponsor a barn dance in Newtown Square. Irv Barton, Jr., is in charge of plans.

Ocean City Home To Chance Tides

Cynwyd Family Likes Present Cottage Location

Contrary to previous reports, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Garber, of 1800 Summit Lane, Cynwyd, are not going to follow the example of their Ocean City, N. J., neighbor and move their summer cottage.

Although the ocean's tide is now under their two-story home at 363 E. Atlantic Boulevard, the Garbers are going to take a chance with the sea, and leave their cottage where it is.

"We bought it 12 years ago because we liked the location," said Mrs. Garber. "The tide comes and goes, so I think we'll stay."

The owner of the cottage at 361 Atlantic Boulevard, tired of worrying over the dangers of tidal waves, recently had his home lifted off its foundations, placed on rollers, and moved to a safer location about a block away.

To meet the threats of tidal assaults Ocean City officials have asked the help of Army Engineers in making a survey of the entire beachfront area.

Lower Merion Communities Hope To Reduce Mischief Night Pranks

For the past ten years, Mischief Night pranks have been cut to a minimum in Wynnewood because of a unique patrol system set up by the local civic association.

Seven outsiders are hired each year to patrol the area in four automobiles. Although not deputized, the men are authorized to "pick up" any youngsters they see destroying property and turn them over to police.

Franksters from both Wynnewood and the adjoining communities have thus learned that it doesn't pay to exercise their ingenuity in Wynnewood, so they desist, or go elsewhere.

At a meeting of the Joint Association of Lower Merion Township Civic Association Presidents in the Union League last Thursday, Her-

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Business Group Reports 38 Pct. Return on Poll

Ralph Dunne Lauds Community Spirit; Calls It "Tribute to Borough"

The Narberth Business Council this week reported a 38 percent return on questionnaires sent out recently in a survey to determine possible improvements in service by Narberth business houses.

In a statement to Our Town this week, Ralph Dunne, Narberth business man who is chairman of the survey, said: "The interest and response on the part of the citizens of Narberth is a fine tribute to the pride and loyalty they feel to the town in which they live. The questionnaires filled with helpful suggestions and comments are, I think, successfully dramatizing the importance of seeking public opinion in questions affecting the interest of the community at large."

The questionnaire which was mailed to 300 residents selected at random from the community lists types of merchandise on sale in Narberth stores and asks the resident to check whether he buys all, almost all, or part of his needs in those lines in borough stores.

The questionnaire also asks what factors attract them to stores, whether they receive satisfactory service and whether summer closing hours are a handicap to shoppers.

So that recipients of the blanks will feel free to answer the questions frankly they are not asked to sign their names.

H. F. Kairer, Sr., Succumbs at 56

Narberth Resident Was Advertising Executive

Funeral services for Howard F. Kairer, Sr., of 89 Windsor Ave., Narberth, who died suddenly Saturday at his home, were held Wednesday afternoon from the Stuard Funeral Home, Ardmore. He was 56.

A resident of Narberth for the past 25 years, Mr. Kairer was born in Camden and lived in Philadelphia during his youth. He was graduated from the Manual Training School and Temple University, where he studied advertising.

At the time of his death he was an account executive with Geare-Marston, Inc., Philadelphia advertising concern.

A former member of the Harold D. Speakman American Legion Post, Mr. Kairer was an active member of St. David's Golf Club and also belonged to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, Howard F., Jr., of Paoli, and William C.; his mother, Mrs. Fannie M. Kairer, and two sisters, Margaret and Emma.

Burial was in West Laurel Cemetery.

Bryn Mawr Man Held Under Bail

Arrested After Accident In Which Man Died

Albert Thomson, of Bryn Mawr, was held under \$1,500 bail Tuesday pending an inquest by the Philadelphia County Coroner. He was charged with involuntary manslaughter.

According to Philadelphia police, Thomson was the driver of a car which struck two residents of the Presbyterian Home for Aged Couples and Single Men near the entrance of the home Saturday night.

Harry M. Dehn, 84, died Monday night in Presbyterian Hospital from injuries received in the accident. The other victim, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, 76, is at Presbyterian Hospital, where she is said to be in fair condition.

Thomson, who lives on Glenbrook Avenue, told police the couple stepped into the path of his car from a spot on the east side of City Line Avenue, where there is no street light. He said he was driving at a moderate speed.

Christian Business Men Meet in Overbrook

The first of the monthly business meetings of the Main Line Christian Business Men's Committee was held at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Overbrook, Tuesday evening.

This group of over fifty Christian laymen from Main Line churches is the sponsor of the Saturday night "Youth For Christ" rallies held at Grace Chapel, Oakmont. Members also serve at the Helping Hand Mission in Philadelphia, and at the Sunday night services of several Main Line churches.

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